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James Klahr

Executive Director

October 24, 2016

CL Holdren
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Warrensburg MO 64093

Re: File No. 16-0081-I

Dear Mr. Holdren:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its October 21, 2016 meeting. The Commission reviewed the allegation that you, while serving as Johnson County Coroner, committed nepotism by appointing your son, Clark Holdren, to an investigator position in the Johnson County Coroner's office.

Staff review of the complaint determined that Clark Holdren is currently a candidate for Johnson County Coroner. During a candidate forum which occurred shortly before the August 2016 primary election, Clark Holdren indicated that he had experience working for the Johnson County Coroner. In following up with your attorney, the attorney indicated that you never hired or appointed Clark Holdren to a position in the coroner's office. Staff determined that the only other named position in the coroner's office is the deputy coroner.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Article VII, Section 6 of the Missouri Constitution and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr", is positioned above the printed name.

James Klahr
Executive Director